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In re Patent Application of )

Dennis J. O'Rear )

Application No.: 09/708,067 )

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Fischer-Tropsch Syncrude )

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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, Applicant submits the following response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, and 21-23 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 19 and 20 with amended claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 19 and 20 as follows:

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1. (Three Times Amended) A process for manufacturing a lube base stock comprising:
- converting a light hydrocarbon feed to syngas,
  - subjecting the syngas to Fischer-Tropsch synthesis to form a predominantly linear hydrocarbon product,
  - isolating a 650°F- containing fraction comprising C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> hydrocarbons and a 650°F+ containing fraction, having a true vapor pressure of less than 15 psia at transportation temperature, from the predominantly

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are .

- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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